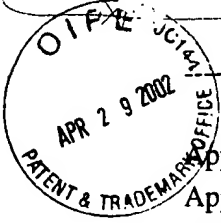


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This communication is in response to the request to file Remarks mailed 18 Mar 2002. It concerns the office action mailed 29 Nov 2001 and supplements the response to this office action that was mailed on 28 Feb 2002. This response includes 20 pages.

REMARKS

By the claim amendments filed 28 Feb 2002 and the further amendment of claims 54,55,61 and 64 herein, applicant has rewritten all of the claims to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the technical rejections and define the invention over the prior art. Direct responses to the office action of 29 Nov 2001 are provided followed by a more extensive discussion of the claims.

Claim Amendments

The claims 35-66 remain as amended on 28 FEB 2002 except for the addition of the following amendments to claims 54,55,61 and 64.

54. (amended) The apparatus of claim 35 further comprising:
- a hair surface row segregation means for segregating said surface-attached hair-like fibers substantially originating from two adjacent surface areas so that the segments of the hair shafts that will be processed are segregated in a specific row prior to and during hair dispensing by said repeating dispensing means and said hair surface row segregation means rests on the surface to which said surfaced-attached hair-like fibers are attached and is substantially stationary relative to said surface during processing, whereby the phrase substantially stationary refers to the net movement of said hair surface row segregation means as a whole but a given area of it may flex or move as said repeating dispensing means moves by it and said hair surface row segregation means can rest on

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